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Serial No.: 09/580,327
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FROM A DATABASE USING A MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM*

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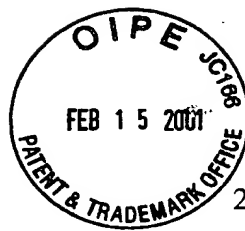
Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. No representation is made that a search has been made, that these references are material to the patentability of the present application, or that these references qualify as prior art.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of this application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

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Applicant believes that this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action in this case. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), Applicant believes that no fee is due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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